

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AMARILLO DIVISION

STATE OF UTAH, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

2:23-CV-016-Z

JULIE A. SU, *et al.*,

Defendants.

**ORDER**

Before the Court is the American Retirement Association and Ceres, Inc.'s ("Amici") Motion for Leave to Proceed Without Local Counsel ("Motion") (ECF No. 150), filed October 23, 2024. Amici "seek leave to proceed without local counsel" under Local Rule 83.10. ECF No.150 at 1. Local Rule 83.10(a) requires local counsel who resides or has a principal office located within 50 miles of the courthouse. It also permits the presiding judge to grant leave to proceed without local counsel. Local Rule 83.10(a). Amici have deep experience in the subject matter of this case and regularly participate as amici in "cases that may affect regulation of financial markets and retirement plan design or administration." ECF No. 150 at 2. Amici argue local counsel is not necessary because they only plan to seek leave to file an amicus brief and they do not plan on appearing in a hearing unless specifically requested by the Court. *Id.* All parties consent to the Motion. *Id.* at 3. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** the Motion and waives the local counsel requirement for the American Retirement Association and Ceres, Inc. solely for the purpose of filing a motion for leave to file an amicus brief and the subsequent filing of that brief.

**SO ORDERED.**

October 25, 2024

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MATTHEW J. KACSMARYK  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE